GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:322
ANSWERED ON:14.08.2001
NEW CRITERIA FOR DETERMINATION OF PERSONS BELOW POVERTY LINE
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any representations to change the criteria for determination of persons below poverty line;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the time by which the new criteria is likely to be implemented ?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred in Reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 322 due for answer on 14.8.2001 .

One representation from a Member of Parliament was received in the Ministry of Rural Development suggesting inclusion ofthose families who have ceiling fan or TV in their houses, in the Below Poverty Line(BPL) lists prepared by the State Governments.The representation was considered and not agreed to.

2. The BPL Census to identify families living Below the Poverty Line in the rural areas is conducted in the beginning of each Five Year Plan period. The survey design, methodology and criteria of identification of BPL families are finalised in consultation withthe States. The advice of an Expert Group constituted for the purpose is also obtained to facilitate finalistation of these parameters. The next BPL Census is due in the year 2002.